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¶1. (SBU) The Vatican welcomes the U.S. candidacy to the UN Human Rights Council. For the Secretariat of State's point person on human rights, Monsignor Christophe El-Kassis, it is another positive sign of the new administration's commitment to multilateralism and dialogue. While the Holy See, as a UN observer, does not have a vote, El-Kassis noted that it follows human rights closely and appreciated A/DCM sharing the ref. demarche April 17 .

NOYES